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TORRANCE PLUMBING CO.

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... Dead Flyer

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Butler is back at his job working as a wheel alignment mechanic for his father-in-law Tom Virgel Bolles, owner of Virgel's Wheel Alignment Shop, 1750 West Carson street.

Butler remembers nothing of his experiences as kindly nature took away his memory of events back to Christmas day—the day before the accident. He remembers nothing of the crash nor of the 31 days following during which he was unconscious. During the four months he spent "on the mend" in the hospital, Navy doctors performed many operations on the air enthusiast to graft bone from his hip to his head to replace the smashed bones of his skull.

Sunday finds Butler putting about his new home at 1768 Marinette street, playing with his two blonde-headed daughters, Zohnette, three years, or Suzette, two years, or perhaps off to the air port to log a little time aloft.

While others celebrate Christmas in the normal manner, Jack Butler will be slicing himself a piece of cake—on his second birthday.

Home Owners Watch
C. E. Gassaway, president, and James C. Cole of the Torrance Knolls Civic Association were visitors at the Tuesday night meeting of the Torrance Board of Education.

... New Homes

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stylish furniture, the latest conveniences, and the most up-to-the-minute advancement in plastics. If they come into our stores and we have to answer, "Sorry, I don't have it," they will try it elsewhere.

"We must not only grow WITH the city, but we must grow AHEAD of it."

According to the builders themselves the following table shows the construction undertaken during 1949 and that which is expected to be completed next year:

Builder	1929	1950
Kettler Knolls	120	120
John J. Kettler	147	850
Pacific Hills	156	156
Sande Senness	40	40
Property Management Corp.	110	110
George E. Chacksfield	40	40
Seaside Ranchos	156	156
Ben Haggott	12	12
Palos Verdes Apts.	48	100
H. Truman Brown	259	???
Truman Brown Organization	11	75
	119	360
Billmore Homes	44	353
S. M. Taper	12	12
American Land Co.	167	250
Thomas A. Johnson		
El Nido Terrace		
C. F. Steinen		
Mac-Low-Men. Park		
J. L. Henderson		
Seymour-Barmard Co.		
S. L. Seymour		
Seaside Heights		
Palisades Builders		



UNUSUAL AGREEMENT . . . Mr. and Mrs. Jack Koch (seated) sign papers in a contract which eventually will make their employees owners of the Star Furniture Store at a fraction of the firm's worth. Watching the transaction are the employees. They are (left to right): Kenneth Belles, Mrs. Emily Atwood, Steve Schmidt, and Frank Higgins.

Ex-Councilman's Son Passes Bar Examination

Donald J. Hitchcock, one-time president of the Torrance High School Student Body and son of a former councilman, was among the 490 candidates who successfully passed the October bar examination it was announced Tuesday.

Hitchcock is a graduate of UCLA where he was also Student Body President and a graduate of USC Law College.

The new lawyer, son of James Hitchcock who served on the Torrance City Council for 14 years, will be admitted to the bar in sessions in Los Angeles on January 5.

His sister, Mrs. Kenneth Dudley, lives at 1414 Hickory avenue.

Green Yule Gifts
Ornate Christmas trees last week were given Torrance Memorial Hospital by the student body of Torrance High School, the Fern Avenue Browns and the students at Torrance Elementary School.

Furniture Store Owners 'Push' Themselves Out of Business

An unusual partnership was consummated in Torrance this week by Jack Koch, owner of the Star Furniture Store under the terms of which he practically pushes himself out of the furniture business.

Benefiting the most from the unusual deal are four of Koch's long time employees—Mrs. Emily Atwood, Frank Higgins, Steve Schmidt and Kenneth Belles.

Koch and his wife Cecilia arranged it this way: The four employees purchased a fourth interest in the firm at a price actually less than one fourth the tangible assets. As the business makes money the interest in the firm held by the quartet increases. The share held by Mr. and Mrs. Koch decreases until the Kochs own nothing—the employees all.

The building at 1255-59 Sartori avenue is not included in the deal.

Koch, who established the furniture business here in 1932 and moved into the present location in 1936, said he and his wife had made the arrangement to reward his employees for their long and loyal service. Frank Higgins, one of the employees has been with Koch for 18 years. Schmidt has been with

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

December 2, 1949

Editor, Torrance Herald

Dear Sir:
This is more than just another appeal for help in placing news items in your paper. It is a special appeal for help in fighting a serious war—the war against holiday season traffic. Last December we killed 328 people and injured 8,705, making it the bloodiest month in history. The outlook this month is just as bleak and many people are predicting we will set a new record.

Personally, it is my sincere belief the toll can be kept down if we can combine our forces. We can't do the job alone. We must have your help in making the public especially aware of traffic dangers this time of year, particularly from the local viewpoint. News stories, editorials and features would be of tremendous help in spreading the message of safety to your readers.

This appeal is on behalf of not only the Highway Patrol but all law enforcement bodies and all organizations and individuals working for a safer California. In grateful acknowledgement of all the excellent support you have given in the past, I remain
Cordially yours,
Clifford E. Peterson
Commissioner
California Highway Patrol

Lack of Barriers Causes Blow-outs, Claims Motorist

Claiming there were no barricades erected at Western avenue and Plaza del Amo, Gil Bennett, 224 Cabrillo Avenue, told local police Sunday he blew two new tires when he bounced into the unpaved portion of Western avenue.

Bennett told police he had purchased the tires, both on the left side of his car, the day before. He was advised to consult with Warren Southwest Construction Co., contractors on the project.
Riding with Bennett at the time were Sammy Marshall, Mickey Speck, and Claudine Pickett, all of Torrance.

PROLIFIC SPARRROWS
Almost all English Sparrows in the U. S. are descended from eight pairs imported from England in 1850.

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Pumpkin Pie Mix
16¢

FOR DRESSING LARGE LOAF
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FROZEN FOODS FROM OUR GROCERY DEPT.

Pictsweet - 12 Oz. Pkg.
PEAS 20¢

2 Ears to Pkg.
CORN on COB 20¢

Pictsweet-12 Oz. Pkg. Sliced
Strawberries 31¢

Sno-Crop - 6 Oz. Pkg.
Orange Juice 18¢

Fresh Grade A Fresh Med AA
EGGS
48¢ doz. 39¢ doz.

Sunvalley - 1-Lb. Pkg.
OLEO 19¢
Colored 30¢ lb.

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SPECIAL PRICES
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FRUIT CAKE - PLUM PUDDING - Fruit Cake - Plum Pudding - Christmas Candies

Reese's MEAT MARKETS
"The Economy of Quality"

Eastern - Sugar-Cured
TENDERIZED HAMS 49¢

Picnic Style
PORK ROAST 29¢

Center Cut - 7 Bone or Chuck
BEEF ROAST 45¢

Whole Milk
LONGHORN CHEESE 49¢

TURKEYS
FINEST Eviscerated OVEN READY
TOMS . . . 49¢
HENS . . . 62¢

FRUITS and VEGETABLES

FRESH NEW CROP
BRAZIL NUTS 14¢

Frozen Food Special
PEAS 18¢ PKG.

NEW CROP
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Extra Large—Jumbo Navel
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Our Milk at Cash and Carry Saves the Average Family an Extra Gallon Each Week.

EGGS - FROZEN FOODS
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Local Steel Prices Follow Pattern; Jump 4 Percent

Prices of steel commodities manufactured at the local Columbia Steel Co. mill were increased by approximately four percent effective Friday, company officials announced last week. Some examples of the increases are: Bars and reinforcing bars, 4.15 cents per pound compared with 4.05, an increase of \$2 a ton; hot-rolled sheets (18" gauge and heavier) 4.05 cents against 3.95, up \$2 a ton; wire, annealed merchant quality, 6.10 against 5.75, up \$7 a ton.

Electrolytic tin plate, 25 pound coating, such as used for cans in food processing, was reduced \$4 a ton.

The price changes of both steel and tin followed those announced earlier by the parent company, U. S. Steel Corporation.

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ALSO
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SUN, MON, TUES, DEC 24, 25, 26
Cont. Show Mon., Dec. 26, from 2 p.m.
YVONNE DE CARLO SCOTT BRADY
THE GAL WHO TOOK THE WEST
IN TECHNICOLOR
ALSO
DENNIS O'KEEFE GALE STORM
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ALAN BAXTER
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APACHE CHIEF
—AND—
ALAN BAXTER
THE PRAIRIE
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BETTE DAVIS
JOSEPH COTTEN
BEYOND THE FOREST
—AND—
THE BOWERY BOYS
MASTER MINDS
MONDAY, DECEMBER 26,
MATINEE FROM 2 P.M.

TORRANCE
NOW PLAYING
RANDOLPH SCOTT
ROBERT MITCHEM
GUNG HOI
—AND—
ROBERT STACK
JOHN LODER ED ALBERT
EAGLE SQUADRON
SUN. - MON. - TUES.
SHIRLEY TEMPLE
BARRY FITZGERALD
THE STORY OF
SEA BISCUIT
in Technicolor
—AND—
DONALD WOODS
BARBARY PIRATE
MATINEE MON.-DEC. 26
CONT. FROM 2 P.M.

GRAND
TWO FIRST-RUN SPANISH FILMS EVERY SAT. & SUN.
MAC LOVIA
BE SAME MUCHO
SHOW STARTS 6:30 SAT.
CONT. FROM 2 P.M. SUN

GARDENA
DESPERADOES
—AND—
THE RENEGADE
SUN. - MON. - TUES.
CHICAGO DEADLINE
—AND—
BLONDIE HITS THE JACKPOT

PARK
—NOW PLAYING—
COBRA WOMAN
—AND—
WHITE SAVAGE
SUN. - MON. - TUES.
BORDER INCIDENT
—AND—
SALUDOS AMIGOS